



BehavioralHealthDivision

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Approved Supported Employment Curriculums for Providers

Providers are helping the Division find great trainings which meet the new training requirement for providers of Community Integration and Employment services. Here are the ones we have approved thus far:

1. **Virginia Commonwealth University Job Development and Job Coaching training:** <http://www.worksupport.com/training/courses.cfm>
2. **College of Direct Support - Employment track**
<http://directcourseonline.com/employmentservices/core-curriculum/>
3. **Dale Dileo has the Training Resource Network that has an Employment First site with online modules:** <https://trn-store.com/>
4. **CTAT's Get Work Now** training is a comprehensive program for employment professionals and involves 40 hours of flexible coursework that spotlights the talents of your job seekers while addressing the complex needs of the business community. Training consists of three classes that may be taken in any order to achieve the valuable National Certificate in Employment Services. FMI: <http://www.ctat-training.com/National-Certificate>
5. **Customized employment training by Griffin-Hammis Associates, LLC** which has been provided in Wyoming through a project with the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities. Two providers have used them. The training is an ACRE (Association of Community Rehabilitation Educators) certified curriculum that consists of 40 hours of classroom training. In addition to the training, both providers are continuing to receive onsite technical assistance to coach them with Discovery and Customized Employment practices. FMI: www.griffinhammis.com as well as the ACRE website, www.acreeducators.org.
6. **The Career Development Facilitator from the NCDA website** http://www.ncda.org/aws/NCDA/pt/sp/facilitator_overview is in-depth training in the areas of career development in the form of up to 120+ class/instructional hours, provided by a nationally trained and qualified instructor. A Career Development Facilitator may serve as a career group facilitator, job search trainer, career resource center coordinator, career coach, career development case manager, intake interviewer, occupational and labor market information resource person, human resource career development coordinator, employment/placement specialist, or workforce development staff person.

Did you know?

100 Units of the Employment Discovery and Customization can be added to a participant's plan without going to DVR in order to start completing the new [Employment Pathway Planning Packet](#).

It is a similar service to DVR, so the waiver service should be used to help the participant schedule appointments with DVR and attend with them if requested by participant.

Disability Crossroads Conference

The Disability Crossroads Conference held in Gillette on July 16 brought in leaders from around the country to discuss the reasons for the waiver redesign and to explain the new era of services in which we are moving. The speakers offered information on ways to implement changes to the way services are delivered in order to be truly person-centered and customized to individual's goals and preferences.

They also discussed how to help people move out on their own and work in competitive jobs. They showed people with very significant needs who were able to purchase a home and work and still receive the support they need to live a full and rich life.

To follow up on the great ideas discussed, the Division is working with the other conference organizers and stake-holders to figure out how to complete the shift to a more independent and flexible system in which to serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.